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REMARKS

1. Status of Claims

Claims 1-7 were pending in the Application. Applicant has amended claims 1-6. Applicant respectfully request entry of the above amendments and consideration of the enclosed remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that support for the amendment is found at least at paragraph 41 and Fig. 3B and submits that no new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 1-7 will remain pending in the application.

2. Objection to the Specification

In section 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Specification for informalities. Applicant has amended the Specification to provide appropriate correction capitalizing the trademarks and describing the reference numerals noted by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

3. Objections to the Claims

In section 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to claims 1-6 for informalities.

Applicant has amended claims 1-6 for purely cosmetic reasons. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

4. Claim Rejections

In section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by United States Patent Application Publication 2003/0085266 to Simon.

In section 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly rendered obvious by United States Patent Application Publication 2003/0085266 to Simon in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,254,846 to Robinson, Jr.

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In section 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 2, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly rendered obvious by United States Patent Application Publication 2003/0085266 to Simon in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,254,846 to Robinson, Jr. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,840,919 to Attar.

In section 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly rendered obvious by United States Patent Application Publication 2003/0085266 to Simon in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,254,846 to Robinson, Jr. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,840,919 to Attar.

Solely in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims of the scope of original claims 1-7 or other scope in another application. Accordingly the claim rejections are moot.

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references do not alone or in any proper combination anticipate or render obvious amended claim 1 and dependent claims 2-7.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the invention as presently claimed in claims 1-7 is in condition for allowance.

5. Conclusion Of Remarks

For at least the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance and early and favorable action thereon is requested.

If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at (203) 924-3180.

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7. Authorization

No fee is believed due with this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-380.

In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-380.

Respectfully submitted,



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